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LONDON FOR RCAA

1. AIRCRAFT FLEW TO BRADLEY FIELD, PICKED UP WEAPONS, AND
PROCEEDED TO ROBBINS AFB ON OCT 8. AF AT ROBBINS REFUSES
PERMIT LOADING OF AMMUNITION OR TAKEOFF PENDING SATISFACTION
OF FAA REQUIREMENTS.

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2. FAA STILL CONSIDERS LEASE INVALID AND HAS NOT ISSUED WAIVER TO CARRY EXPLOSIVES. FAA EXPECTS TRANSMIT THROUGH DEPT EXPLANATION OF PROBLEMS BY COB 10 OCT.

3. IN ABSENCE OF AN UNEQUIVOCAL FAA POSITION, DEPT IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF SHIPMENT OF BOTH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION VIA US MILITARY FLIGHT.

4. FOR EMBASSY MUSCAT: YOU SHOULD ADVISE SAF OF FOREGOING.

5. FOR USDAO LONDON: PLEASE ADVISE CLARK AIR/KENDALL OF FOREGOING.

6. DEPT WILL ADVISE ASAP ON POSSIBILITY OF US MILITARY FLIGHT. IF BY THAT TIME CIVIL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN KENDALL AND FAA HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT, AND IF MILITARY FLIGHT POSSIBLE, DEPT WILL ASK EMBASSY MUSCAT TO RAISE WITH SAF QUESTION OF CIVILIAN VS US MILITARY FLIGHT.

7. DEPT OF STATE CONTINUES WORK FOR SOLUTION ON URGENT BASIS.

8. FYI, PETER SHORTELL (REFTEL B) IS AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN AND DIVERSE ENTREPRENEUR IN AIR TRANSPORT BUSINESS WHO OPERATES OUT OF MIAMI. DEPT, FAA AND BUREAU OF CUSTOMS HAVE HAD SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH SHORTELL ON PAST OCCASIONS. CLARK AIR FIRST APPROACHED SHORTELL AS REPRESENTATIVE OF AIR CARGO SUPPORT CO., INC, MIAMI, ON OCT 2 REPEAT OCT 2, ASKING HIM TO ARRANGE FLIGHT ON OCT 4. CLARK AIR MAY HAVE SOUGHT CONTACT OTHER AND MORE REPUTABLE CARRIER BEFOREHAND, WITHOUT SUCCESS. ON OCT 7 OR 8, KENDALL/CLARK AIR AND SHORTELL MADE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY SHORTELL PERSONALLY WAS DESIGNATED AS KENDALL REPRESENTATIVE IN US. THIS HASTY ARRANGEMENT IS AT ROOT OF PRESENT PROBLEM. END FYI. KISSINGER

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